



ORDINANCE NO. 9

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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE POSSESSION AND USE OF FIREARMS AND WEAPONS IN THE CITY OF PINE SPRINGS, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

The City Council of the City of Pine Springs, Washington County does ordain:

SECTION 1. UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge a firearm of any kind within the limits of the City of Pine Springs.

SECTION 2. CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS

No person within the limits of the City of Pine Springs shall have concealed about his person any pistol, dagger, or knuckles of lead, brass or other metal, Bowie knife, Dirk knife, switch blade, razor or any sort or description of firearm or any dangerous or deadly weapons unless said person is an authorized law enforcement officer or has a valid permit issued by the City Council.

SECTION 3. POSSESSION BY MINOR

It shall be unlawful for a minor under the age of 18 to have in his possession any uncased firearm beyond the presence of a parent or guardian within the City of Pine Springs. The police officers of the City may confiscate any such weapon found on any minor but shall return the weapon to the parent or guardian of said minor upon request.

SECTION 4. ACTS PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the following acts:

1. Recklessly handle or use a gun or other dangerous weapon or explosive so as to endanger the safety of another or destroy or harm public or private property.
2. Intentionally point a gun of any kind capable of injuring or killing a human being whether loaded or unloaded at or toward another person or property.
3. Manufacture or sell for any unlawful purpose any weapon known as a slingshot or sand club.
4. Manufacture, transfer or possess metal knuckles or a switch blade knife opening automatically.
5. Possess any other dangerous article or substance for the purpose of being used unlawfully as a weapon against another.
6. Sell or have in his possession any device designed to silence or muffle the discharge of a firearm.
7. To furnish a child under 16 years of age, without the consent of the parent or guardian of said child or if parent or guardian of said child permit such child to handle or use outside of the parent's or guardian's presence a rifle, gun, or dangerous weapon of any kind or any ammunition or explosive.

SECTION 5. TRANSPORTING

Except as permitted by special permit, it shall be unlawful to take any wild animal by means of discharging any firearms or bow and arrow there at, from a motor vehicle or airplane, or snowmobile or to transport any firearm in a motor vehicle or airplane, or snowmobile, unless the same is unloaded in both barrels and

magazine and contained in a gun case or disassembled or unless unloaded and contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed or bow and arrow unless unstrung or contained in a case or unless contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed.

SECTION 6. POSSESSION

No person shall possess the following:

1. Fully automatic firearms
2. Short guns with a barrel less than 18 inches
3. Rifles with a barrel less than 16 inches
4. Weapons made from a rifle or shot gun with an overall length of less than 26 inches
5. Semi-automatic pistols with shoulder stocks
6. Any silencer
7. Any unconventional weapon which is capable of being fired and can be concealed on the person

SECTION 7. EXCEPTIONS

The following uses of guns and weapons shall be considered to be exceptions to the provisions contained herein and shall be permitted uses of guns and weapons in the City of Pine Springs:

- a. Discharge of a gun or firearm or other weapon of any kind for the purpose of self-defense.
- b. Discharge of a gun, firearm or weapon of any kind on a person's own property if discharged for the purposes of protecting said property, protecting one's property shall include but not necessarily be limited to rodent or vermin control and/or the shooting of wild animals to save garden crops, gardens, or other property.

SECTION 8. DISCHARGE PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW

Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed as allowing the discharge of any firearm or air gun or other weapon if such discharge is now prohibited by any law of the State of Minnesota or any of its subdivisions nor shall this ordinance enlarge the civil rights of any person.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY

Every section, provision, or part of this ordinance is declared separable from every other section, provision or part and if any section, provision or part thereof shall be held invalid it shall not affect any other section, provision or part hereof.

SECTION 10. PENALTIES

Any person, firm or corporation who shall do any forbidden act or fail to perform any act required by this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine as defined in the "PENALTIES – Firearms/Weapons Violations" section of the City Ordinance Fee Schedule, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Pine Springs, this 8th day of October, 1968.

Paul Linnerooth (signature)
Mayor

Attest:
R. G. Zietlow (signature)
Clerk

Revision History

Ver.	Changes	Date Changed
1.0	Adopted by the City Council	Oct 8, 1968
1.1	Amended by Ordinance 26	Nov 10, 2020
1.2	Amended by Ordinance 27	Dec 8, 2020